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Office Action Summary

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 September 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-8 and 19-40 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 December 2008 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/06)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to the amendment filed 9-29-2009, which has been entered. Claims 1-40 are currently pending of which claims 1-8 and 18-40 have been withdrawn.

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, "the one way clutch comprising a damper" as in claim 9, must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

2. The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for "the one way clutch comprising a damper" as in claim 9. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 13, 16 and 18, as understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Adachi et al. (5,289,813). Adachi et al. disclose a dual belt drive comprising a clutch unit (30/15,32), The clutch unit comprising a first clutch assembly (30) mounted to a rotating shaft (22); a one way clutch (32) directly mounted to a rotating shaft (24); a Super charger (10) is connected to the first clutch and the one way clutch (see fig. 2), each of the first clutch (30) and the one way clutch (15/32) operate to provide different speed ratios to the super charger and it is apparent that the clutch unit is engaged at engine speed via a crankshaft pulley (12).

In claim 16, Adachi et al. discloses the first clutch is an electromagnetic clutch (30).

In claim 18, it appears that the first speed ratio is greater than the second speed ratio because a speed reduction gear (31) connects the first shaft with the second shaft.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 14, 15 and 17, as understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adachi et al. in view of WO (97/31198). Adachi et al. disclose a

dual belt drive comprising a clutch unit member above, but fails to disclose an inertia member and damping member. WO (97/31198) discloses a clutch pulley comprising a damper (7/33) and an inertia member (see 12/13). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify device of Adachi et al. so as to include an inertia member and damping member inertial member in view of WO (97/31198) in order to reduce vibration and an increase smooth rotation.

In claim 17, note the damper (7) of WO (97/31198) comprises an elastomeric material.

7. Claims 9 and 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over M^crae (2,911,961) in view of WO (97/31198). In claims 9 and 11, M^crae discloses a dual belt drive comprising a first clutch assembly (35) mounted to a rotating shaft (43); a one way clutch (81-83) directly mounted to a rotating shaft (10), at a water pump (133) is connected to the first clutch and the one way clutch (see fig. 8), each of the first clutch (35) and the one way clutch (81-82) operate to provide different speed ratios to the water pump (133), and it is apparent that the clutch unit is engaged at engine speed. M^crae fails to disclose the inertia member and damping member. WO (97/31198) discloses a clutch pulley (9) comprising damper (7/33) and an inertia member (13/12). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify device of M^crae so as to include an inertia member and damping member inertial member in view of WO (97/31198) in order to reduce vibration and an increase smooth rotation.

In claim 12, it is apparent that the first speed ratio is greater than the second speed ratio because the radius of the first speed ratio pulley device is smaller than that of the second speed ratio pulley device.

In claim 11, note the damper (7) comprises an elastomeric material.

8. Claim 10, as understood, is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over M^crae in view of WO (97/31198). as applied to claim 9 above, and further in view of JP (59-47528). The combination of M^crae and WO (97/31198) do not disclose the first clutch is an electromagnetic clutch. JP (59-47528) discloses an electromagnetic. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to further modify the clutch unit of M^crae so that it is an electromagnetic clutch in view of JP (59-47528) in order to electromagnetically engagement and disengagement of the clutch.

Response to Arguments

9. In response to the objection to the drawing, applicant fails to provide any substantial reasons/argument for overcoming the objection.

10. Applicant's arguments filed 09-24-2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant contended that the prior art to Adachi fails to disclose the claimed invention. Namely, a one way clutch comprising a damper as set forth in claim 13, and the damper limitation is not taught by Adachi. In response, it should be noted that claim 13 of the instant invention does not require a one way clutch comprising a damper. The damper is not explicitly or implicitly recited in the claim. Therefore, the rejection of claim 13 is proper. In addition, regarding claim 9, applicant contended that

the prior art to McRae and WO (97/31198) fail to teach a one way clutch comprising a damper and the one way clutch directly mounted to the rotating shaft. It should be noted that the claim only requires for the one way clutch comprising a damper and the accessory connected to the clutch unit through a damper such that the accessory is driven by the clutch. The prior art to WO (97/31198) clearly teaches that a one way clutch (40) comprising a damper (7) such that an accessory pulley (8) is connected to the clutch via the damper. McRae discloses the one way clutch directly connected to the shaft. Therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art would find it necessary add a damper between the pulley and the clutch of McRae so as to damp vibration. It should be noted that the prior art in combination clearly disclose the limitation of claim 9. Therefore, for reasons given above the rejection is deemed proper.

Conclusion

11. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marcus Charles whose telephone number is (571) 272-7101. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ridley Richard can be reached on (571) 272-6917. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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